



# WALTHAM

## Middlesex County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

Waltham is a metropolitan city of 57,878, situated nine miles from Boston, encompassing a total area of 13.6 square miles. The Charles River cuts a path through the southern section of Waltham used throughout history for transport, water, and industry. Today, the Charles River has given way to Rout 128 as the main economic center in the City. In the Greater Boston area, Waltham has the second largest office market behind Boston. Waltham has a diverse housing stock, with dense multi-family housing in the southern section of the City and larger lot single-family housing in the northern section. The City also boasts large park and open space facilities such as Prospect Hill Park and the Robert Treat Paine Estate. With an aggressive revitalization program, Waltham is witnessing the rebirth of its historic downtown and is providing better public access to its greatest natural resource, the Charles River.

(Narrative supplied by community)



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# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Lexington on the north, Belmont and Watertown on the east, Lincoln and Weston on the west, and Newton on the south. Waltham is situated on the Charles River 9 miles west of Boston, 33 miles east of Worcester, and 215 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 13.61 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 12.70 sq. miles

**Population:** 57,878

**Density:** 4,557 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Boston WSO Station)

Normal temperature in January.....28.6°F

Normal temperature in July.....73.5°F

Normal annual precipitation.....41.5"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Lexington, Concord, Newton, Natick

## Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 893-4040

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Mayor-Council

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1738

As a city: 1884

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 27,833

Democrats 11,057 39.7 % Republicans 3,018 10.8 % Other parties 23 0.1 % Unenrolled Voters 13,735 49.3 %

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Waltham city, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	59,226	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	59,226	100.0
Male.....	29,194	49.3	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	5,031	8.5
Female.....	30,032	50.7	Mexican.....	609	1.0
Under 5 years.....	2,795	4.7	Puerto Rican.....	1,360	2.3
5 to 9 years.....	2,545	4.3	Cuban.....	95	0.2
10 to 14 years.....	2,403	4.1	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	2,967	5.0
15 to 19 years.....	4,494	7.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	54,195	91.5
20 to 24 years.....	6,884	11.6	White alone.....	46,416	78.4
25 to 34 years.....	11,310	19.1	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	9,052	15.3	Total population.....	59,226	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	7,122	12.0	In households.....	53,235	89.9
55 to 59 years.....	2,688	4.5	Householder.....	23,207	39.2
60 to 64 years.....	2,158	3.6	Spouse.....	9,590	16.2
65 to 74 years.....	3,925	6.6	Child.....	12,540	21.2
75 to 84 years.....	2,827	4.8	Own child under 18 years.....	8,349	14.1
85 years and over.....	1,023	1.7	Other relatives.....	2,925	4.9
Median age (years).....	34.2	(X)	Under 18 years.....	610	1.0
18 years and over.....	50,053	84.5	Nonrelatives.....	4,973	8.4
Male.....	24,464	41.3	Unmarried partner.....	1,265	2.1
Female.....	25,589	43.2	In group quarters.....	5,991	10.1
21 years and over.....	45,234	76.4	Institutionalized population.....	749	1.3
62 years and over.....	9,007	15.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	5,242	8.9
65 years and over.....	7,775	13.1	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	3,061	5.2	Total households.....	23,207	100.0
Female.....	4,714	8.0	Family households (families).....	12,465	53.7
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	4,713	20.3
One race.....	58,106	98.1	Married-couple family.....	9,590	41.3
White.....	49,145	83.0	With own children under 18 years.....	3,702	16.0
Black or African American.....	2,614	4.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	2,059	8.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	95	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	799	3.4
Asian.....	4,318	7.3	Nonfamily households.....	10,752	46.3
Asian Indian.....	1,580	2.7	Householder living alone.....	7,943	34.2
Chinese.....	1,472	2.5	Householder 65 years and over.....	2,314	10.0
Filipino.....	115	0.2	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	5,112	22.0
Japanese.....	129	0.2	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	5,470	23.6
Korean.....	355	0.6	Average household size.....	2.29	(X)
Vietnamese.....	301	0.5	Average family size.....	3.01	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	366	0.6	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	38	0.1	Total housing units.....	23,880	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	12	-	Occupied housing units.....	23,207	97.2
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	10	-	Vacant housing units.....	673	2.8
Samoan.....	6	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	10	-	occasional use.....	131	0.5
Some other race.....	1,896	3.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	1,120	1.9	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.2	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races:<sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	23,207	100.0
White.....	49,963	84.4	Owner-occupied housing units.....	10,677	46.0
Black or African American.....	2,953	5.0	Renter-occupied housing units.....	12,530	54.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	232	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.60	(X)
Asian.....	4,600	7.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.03	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	69	0.1			
Some other race.....	2,593	4.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 542

Conventional Federal: 265

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 55

Federal (Section 8): 442



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Waltham is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 128, the inner loop around Boston, and cross-state highway U.S. Route 20, which intersect in Waltham.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston is available from Brandeis (travel time: 25 min; 70 MBTA parking spaces) and Waltham (travel time: 19-22 min.; City Parking Lot). Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway, contact number: (508) 663-1073

### Bus

Waltham is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). The MBTA provides fixed route service to neighboring communities. The MBTA also provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled.

### Other

L.G. Hanscom Field, a joint civil-military airport, is located in Bedford. A Reliever Airport with Commercial Service (CR), it has a 5,106' asphalt runway and a 7,001' concrete and asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Logan International Airport is also easily accessible from Waltham.



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# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

American Jewish Historical Society  
2 Thornton Road  
(781) 891-8110  
Charles River Museum of Industry  
154 Moody Street  
(781) 893-5410  
Gore Place Society  
52 Gore Street  
(781) 894-5745  
Lyman Estate, The Vale  
185 Lyman Street  
(781) 893-7232  
Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University  
415 South Street  
(781) 736-3434  
Waltham Historical Society  
190 Moody Street  
(781) 891-5815  
The Waltham Museum  
194 Charles Street  
(781) 893-8017

## MUSEUMS

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

Middlesex County Hospital  
Stonemam Infirmary  
Waltham/Weston Hospital & Medical Center

### Long Term Care

Abbey Forest Nursing Home  
ADS - Reservoir Nursing Home  
Hopkins Nursing Home, Inc.  
Larchwood Lodge Nursing Home, Inc  
Leland Home  
Maristhill Nursing Home  
Meadow Green Nursing Home  
Piety Corner Nursing Home

### Hospices

Hospice West, Inc.

### Rest Homes

Communicative Health Care  
Lee Rest Home  
Varnum Park Rest Home

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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